

Subject: Netscape Update (01/04/01) - long

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With the holidays and all it's been a couple of weeks since the last update. I have also posted this message to the newsgroup (<news://neptune.nos.noaa.gov/oar.netscape>) for discussion.

1) Deadlines

Mar. 15th - Mailhub is powered down.

Mar. 1st - Calendar Evaluation

Feb. 2nd - Mailhub is taken out of the MX record so it is no longer used for any mail functions.

Jan. 7th - Mailhub directory will only sync with LDAP directory, no more X.500 uploads permitted.

(All NOAA users must be in an LDAP directory)

Dec. 31st - All OAR users must be in the LDAP directory. - Done (see below)

2) Directory - At this point nearly all of the OAR users have been moved off of the mailhub and are in the LDAP directory. To check on the migration status for each line office take a look at <http://docs.nems.noaa.gov/migration2.html> and a break down of each site can be found at <http://docs.nems.noaa.gov/migration4.html>. A couple of offices have a few people left to do before the 7th. I migrated GLERL, GFDL, and CDC over to the mailserver/directory here so that those users will get @noaa.gov mail with out the aid of the mailhub. On the 7th X.500 uploads will no longer be used so administrators at those sites will need to contact me to have changes made to their users address forwarding in the LDAP directory. When those sites are ready to migrate to their own servers let me know and I'll work with you on this.

That being said OAR is now 98% complete (NOAA as a whole is 94% complete).

3) Netscape Calendar - The MCB will be making a decision on what calendar to implement on March 1st. If Netscape iCalendar 5.1 is not out by that time we will base our decision on iCalendar 5.0p1 and Netscape Calendar 4.0. Basically, we can't wait any longer for 5.1 to come out I understand that there is an immediate need for calendar software at a number of sites so on March 1st we'll decide what'll be implemented. For the MCB meeting on the 9th we will be discussing minimum requirements that the Enterprise Calendar system needs to meet. If anyone has any particular requirements I will be happy to add them to my list (I'll post my list to the newsgroups for comments as well).

4) Administrator FAQ - I am putting together an OAR Admin FAQ for the OAR IT website. If anyone has tips or problem resolutions to post I'll be happy to add them to my website.

For example: Problem - IMAP service fails periodically on Netscape Messaging Server 4.1p3 for NT. Resolution - This failure can be caused by the IMAP log file, when the file fills up it doesn't roll over the way it should, it instead hangs the IMAP service. This can be fixed by increasing the value for the option "Create new log every". A new log every couple of hours can stop this error from occurring. Netscape will address this error with patch 4.

If anyone has any comments or questions please let me know.

thanks,

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